



WILLIAM TELL '96

An Air-to-Air Weapons Meet to "Train to Fight, Fight to Win"

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WHAT IS IT?

William Tell is a biennial event involving top flying units from the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Canadian Forces.

- ◆ Challenges the air-to-air capabilities of participating combat air forces.
- ◆ Enhances unit training
- ◆ Maximizes taxpayers dollars with new "come-as-you are" format.
- ◆ Hosted by the Air Combat Command.

WHERE & WHEN

Tyndall AFB, "Home of Air Superiority," 13 miles east of Panama City, Fla.

- ◆ Oct. 21-26.

WHY?

The purpose of William Tell is to test aircrew performance under simulated combat conditions. The meet began in 1954 as the air-to-air rocketry phase of the Third Annual U.S. Air Force Fighter Gunnery and Weapons Meet.

- ◆ Tests the proficiency of air superiority readiness and capability.
- ◆ Demonstrates these capabilities through a live-fire competition.
- ◆ Trains for situations that could be encountered in any given operation.
- ◆ Exhibits tactics, training, technology the Air Force uses to support national resolve.

TEAMS

Over 500 participating & support military people with team composition of approximately 35 people.

- ◆ **Air Combat Command** 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla., F-15 C; 388th FW, Hill AFB, Utah, F-16
- ◆ **Air Education and Training Command** 325th FW, Tyndall AFB, Fla., F-15C; 173rd FW, Kingsley Field, Ore., F-16.
- ◆ **Pacific Air Forces:** 18th WG, Kadena AB, Japan, F-15C; 35th FW, Misawa AB, Japan, F-16.
- ◆ **United States Air Forces Europe:** 48th FW, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, F-15C and F-15E.

- ◆ **Air Force Reserve:** 944th FW, Luke AFB, Ariz., F-16; 419th FW, Hill AFB, Utah, F-16.
- ◆ **Air National Guard:** 119th FW, Fargo, N.D., F-16; 142nd FW, Portland, Ore., F-15A.
- ◆ **Canadian Forces:** 4th Wing, Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta, F-18.
- ◆ **Weapons:** Radar-guided missile, AIM-120; heat seeking missile AIM-9M, and AIM-7M Sparrow missile.

CATEGORIES

- ◆ **Top Team:** Total possible points from all events combined.
- ◆ **Profile I - Cold Mission:** Two fighters "hunt and destroy" four enemy aircraft using guns only.
- ◆ **Profile II - Element Attack:** Aircraft fly in an element of two each armed with missiles to "hunt and destroy" targeted drones between 11,000 and 20,000 feet.
- ◆ **Weapons Director:** Each team consists of two directors graded on performance.
- ◆ **Maintenance:** Teams judged daily on procedures, aircraft performance, and standards compliance and serviceability.
- ◆ **Weapons Load:** A three-member load crew participates in one evaluated static load.

VISUALS

William Tell features a variety of team competitions.

- ◆ Weapons loading.
- ◆ Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation.
- ◆ Aircraft pre-flight and flight demo's; F-15, F-16, and F-18.
- ◆ Weapons director team operations.
- ◆ Interviews with exercise participants.

FOR MORE INFO

For more information on the William Tell Air-to-Air Meet and media events call:

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